rer capita of Gross National Product (GNP) in India

58. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN: Will theMinister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMEN-TATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether India's Gross Nation al Product (GNP) per capita has been out below that OF Bangladesh in. this year's World Bank Report,

(b) if so_ what are the reasons icr its dipping further since India'd per capita GNP had been regarded below that of Sri Lanka and Pakistan; and

C) what are the measures Gov. emment propose to take to improve matters?

THE mINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND' PROGRAMME. IMPLEMENTA TION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMAN. GO): (a) In 1992; India's Per Capita Gross National Product was $ 310 as compared to $ 220 of Sr uglu^ desh as per the World Development Report, 1994.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Cost tscaiytiuus of public sector projects

57. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIR-LA; Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME* IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government are con. sidering recommendations of the high level group looking into cost escalations of public sector projects;

(b) if so, details of the recom-mendations made by the high level group;

(c) whether Governm«tnt propose to adopt strategy to save the public sector projects from cost escalations; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME, IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMAN. GO (a) Yes; Sir.,(b) to (d) The Group of Ministers see-up by the Prime Minister has ihico submitted its report. The. re-. commendations of the Group of Ministers are under consideration of the Goverment. The recommendations of the Group of Ministers alio include adoption of certain strategies for controlling cost esca-Ltuon in public sector projects. Since tiie report of the Group of lvumsers is a classified document it is riot possible to give details of the report until it is accepted by the Government.

PAPESLAD ON THE TABLE

Bills passed *and* assented to by the President

SECRETARY-GENERAL; Sir, I lay *an* the Table a statement (in. English and Hindi) showing the Bills passed by the Houses of Parliament during the Hundred and Seventieth Session of the Rajya Sabha and assented to by the President.

Notfeations *of* the Ministry of Finance (Deptt. of Jtevenue) and (Deplt. of Economic Affairs)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M,. V. CHANDRASEKHARA MURTHY); Sir, I lay on the Table:-

I A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications erf the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue), under section 159 of the Customs Act, 1962. togeither with explanatory memoranda on the Notifications:-

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(1) SO. No. 470(E), dated the 27th June, 1994, laying down